Purchase of wireless sets by Delhi Police

5548. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police purchased 286 wireless handsets and its accessories in May, 1999;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the wireless so purchased are highly defective;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have fixed up the responsibility against the officials who purchased the items;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (g) Delhi Police last year purchased 286 hand held wirless sets alongwith batteries at the total cost of Rs. 49,43,510/-.The delivery of these sets was received partly in April, 1999 and partly in July, 1999. Delhi Police have instituted a vigilance inquiry into the said purchase.

Formation of Autonomous Council

5549. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scope to form an autonomous council under Sixth Schedule of Indian Constitution without amending it;

(b) whether "Police" can be put under any autonomous council by any State Government without amendment of State-list of the Constitution; and

(c) if replies of (a) and (b) above are the affirmative, what are provisions to protect citizens from misuse of powers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Citizens of India are protected from misuse of powers through the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India and an independent judiciary.